

# 1940s Bird Ornament



## You will need the following supplies from home:

- printer and cardstock
- scissors
- glue
- crayons or markers (In the 1940s, markers were not available.)
- yarn or crochet thread (about 12 inches long)
- hole punch

## Instructions:

1. Print the template and cut out the bird parts. If you only want to make one ornament, cut out 1 body, 1 wing, and 1 shoe. If you would like the bird to be two-sided, then cut out 2 wings and 2 shoes for each bird.
2. Color the bird parts.
3. Glue the wing(s) and shoe(s) to the bird.
4. Punch a hole at the top of the bird, in front of the wing. (Look at the sample.)
5. Fold the yarn or crochet thread in half and tie the ends together. Slide the loop through the hole. Bring the knotted end up over the bird and through the loop. Pull gently.

## Historical Background:

Bird ornaments, especially glass birds, were popular in the 1940s. Children often made their own ornaments for the Christmas tree.

Patterns adapted from the following source: Boehmer, Susan E. and Chris H. Groneman, *Making Things is Fun*. Book1, Handcraft Series, The Steck Company, 1945, p. 13